(d) to (f) The Government of India had appointed a Review Committee in 1981-82 to look into the working of ICHR. The Review Committee's recommendations were sent to ICHR for com--pliance. While most of the recommendations have been accepted for remedial action by the Council, there are some recommendations which the Council has yet to comply with. Government have also taken note of certain recommendations which the Council finds it impractical to fulfil.

Statement

According to the information furnished by the ICHR, three major projects namely the "Towards Freedom", "Economic History of India" and "Dictionary of Social, Economic and Administrative terms in Indian Inscriptions" started between 1976 and 1992 are in different stages of completion. Besides, the Council also approved projects undertaken by individual scholars most of which have been completed.

Towards Freedom Project: The expenditure during the last 25 years on this project is Rs. 1,64,40,547/-. The first volume of 1358 pages covering the year
(b) was published in 19 Subsequent progress has been as below:—

(c) & 1946 In Press. 1939,
1941 In Progress. 1942 &
1947
1940 & 1945 Ready for Press.
1943-44 Published in three parts in 1997.

Economic History of India Project: According to the information furnished by the ICHR, the amount spent on this project so far is Rs. 19,55,161/-. Two volumes of the Project namely 'Indian Railways' and 'Indian Agriculture' are ready for the Press.

Dictionary of Social, Economic and Administrative Terms in Indian Inscriptions: This project is ongoing and the council has spent Rs. 3,74,200/- so far.

Projects Undertaken by ICHR

3476 SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

1937 how many projects were undertaken by the Indian Council of Historical Research in the last five years;

1938 how many of them were completed;

1939 how much money has been spent on the "Towards Freedom Series Project" and how many volumes have been published so far;

1940 whether several hundred manuscripts are either missing from Council's custody or are totally damaged; and

1941 if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by ICHR, three major projects namely the 'Towards Freedom', 'Dictionary of Inscription' and the 'Economic History of India' started between 1976 and 1992 have been continued during the last five years. These are in different stages of completion. Besides, the Council also approved proejcts undertaken by 67 individual scholars. Fortynine of these projects have been completed but eighteen are still in progress.

The expenditure during the last 25 years on Towards Freedom Project;* is Rs. 1,64,40,547/-. The first volume of 1358 pages covering the year 1937 was published in 1985. Subsequent Progess has been as below:—

1938 & 1946 In Press. 1939,
1941, In Progress 1942 &
1947)
1940 & 1945] Ready for Press. 1943-44
Published in three parts in 1997.

(a) and (e) The ICHR have informed that a few manuscripts are reportedly either missing or have not been sent Jo

Press for certain reasons. The Council have intimated that it has initiated action to ascertain whether any manuscript has been lost or appropriated otherwise.

मूर्तियों और स्थापत्य अवशेषों की चोरी को सोकने के लिए कदम

3477. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादवः** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) सरकार के पास उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार भारत की सांस्क्रतिक धरोहर से सम्बन्धित कितनी मूर्तियों और मन्दिसों के अवशेष चोरी छिपे विदेश ले जाये गये हैं;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा उन मूर्तियों और स्थापत्य अवशेषों की चोरी को रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गए हैं; और

(ग) मूर्तियों और स्थापत्य अवशेषों को वापस लाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (डा. मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) केन्द्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो तथा सजस्व आसूचना निकेशालय की उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार भारत की सांस्कृतिक धरोहर से सम्बन्धित कुछेक मूर्तियां एवं मंदिरों के पुरातत्वीय अवशेष चोरी-छिपे भारत के बाहर ले जाए गए हैं। उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार ऐसी वस्तुओं की सूची विवरण में दी गई है। (नीचे देखिए)।

(ख) भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण द्वारा राजस्व आसूचना निदेशालय, सीमा-शुल्क तथा राज्य सरकारों जैसी प्रवर्तित एजोन्सियों के परामर्श से पुरावशेष तथा बहुमूल्य कलाकृति अधिनियम, 1972 को सख्ती से लागू करने के साथ-साथ सीमा-शुल्क निकासी स्थलों पर चौकसी बढ़ाने तथा गहन छानबीन करने के उपाय किए गए हैं ताकि पुरावशेषों की चोरी एवं उनकी तस्करी पर निगरानी रखी जा सके। भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण के अन्तर्गत आने वाले चुनिदा केन्द्र द्वारा संरक्षित स्मारकों एवं संग्रहालयों में सशस्व गार्ड तैनात किए गए हैं।

(ग) इस सम्बन्ध में जांच एजेन्सियों ने आवश्यक कदम उठाए हैं। तथापि वस्तुओं की पुनः वापसी की कोई समय सीमा नहीं बताई जा सकती है।

विवरण

केन्द्रीय अन्वेषण ब्यूरो द्वारा आरोपों के आधार पर भारतीय दंड सहिता की धारा 120 की एवं पुरावशेष तथा बहुमूल्य कलीकृति अधिमियम, 1972 के खण्ड 3 की धारा 25(1) के तहत दिनांक 08.07.1993 को वह मामला सं. आ. सी. 1/93 एस. आई. यू. XII दर्ज किया गया था कि सदर्नआर्टस,मद्रास ने पीसा, ईटली को 34 भातीय हस्तशिल्प वस्तुओं की एक खेप निर्यात की थी जिसे पीसा के सीमा-शुल्क अधिकारीयों द्वारा बीच में ही पकड़ लिया गया था जिसमें 19 पुरावशेष थे।

कुषाण काल के चार बलुई प्रस्तर स्तष्म. एवं उत्तर प्रदेश के जिला बांदा के लोखरी गांव स्थित एक-योगिनी प्रनिमां यहां से लन्दन जाते समय पकड़ी गई।

डत सीमा-शुल्क अधिकारियों द्वारा नवम्बर, 1997 में रोटरडम, नीदरलैंडस में कुछ वस्तुएं जिनके पुरावशेष होने का अंदेसा था, पकड़ी गई हैं। विशेषज्ञों द्वारा किए गए परीक्षण से सात वस्तुएं पुरावशेष निकली।

Photography Licences Granted by ASI

3478. SHRI SURYABHAN PAUL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaedogical Survey of India is granting photography licences for protected monuments at Agra to new photographers instead 4)f renewal of licences to the existing S(hpIiotographers in violation of High Court-order which States that the authority concerned appears to be under wrong impression that licences cannot be renewed;

(b) if so, the reasons for not renewing the licences of existing 50 photographers; and

(c) the details of court cases and tlie judgements thereon till date on the basis of which the ASI are making an attempt to issue fresh licences to the photographers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MONOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) In pursuance of directions of the